

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
May 13, 2014
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
KELLY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT: Yvette Jacaruso, John LeVangie, Cora Lee Boulware, Jesshua Ballaro, Aaron Daniels, Lynn Norris (left at 6:50), Dennis Slopak (arrived at 5:40) and Joyce Werden.

ABSENT: Robert Aldi

STAFF: Abby I. Dolliver, Superintendent
Joseph Stefon, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Athena Nagel, Business Administrator
Mary Donnelly, Director of Student Services & Special Education
Joan Barber, Administrative Assistant
Administrators, Principals and Teachers

MEDIA: The Bulletin, The Day

Dr. Yvette Jacaruso called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

Dr. Jacaruso asked Jesshua Ballaro to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by Cora Lee Boulware) to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the following items:

- Uncas Network School Approval ~ Charlie Jaskiewicz
- CABE Student Leadership Awards ~ Alexandria Lazzari (Attach.#1)
- Eastern CT Chamber “Breakfast with the Governor” (Yvette, Joyce, Cora & Abby)
- Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation Art Auction (Attach.#2)
- May 12th Second Public Hearing on the Budget – Yvette thanked all that spoke.
- June 2nd Adoption of the City Budget
- Memorial Day Parade ~ May 26th at 11:00 a.m.
- Graduations:
 - Kelly Middle – June 18th at 9:00 a.m.
 - Teachers’ Memorial – June 17th at 6:00 p.m.

- DTZ – June 16th at 5:00 p.m. Jacqueline Owens Auditorium
- Adult Education – May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
- Moriarty Health & Wellness Fair
- Moriarty is also sponsoring “Come Celebrate All cultures” on May 20th at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Kievits from Bully Busters spoke about upcoming events and the Buddy Benches that are being made and would like to get them out to all the Norwich Public Schools.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Dolliver reported on the following items:

- Mahan School named a “School of Distinction”
- Update on Alliance Grant
- Magnet School Lottery
- Community Foundation of Eastern CT funds BRIDGES Summer Learning Program, & Huntington School for iSucceed: Integrative Technology for PreK-2.
- Letter from student regarding uniforms
- Stanton student received honorable mention from the CT Students Writers magazine
- DTZ/FRC Case Street Update
- Empty Bowls
- iPad Study
- NPS Art Show – May 21st at 5:30 pm at Huntington School
- Staff Appreciation Day
- Team Math Finals ~ May 20th at 5:30 pm; Kelly Community Room

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Alexandria Lazzari, Principal, Peter Camp, Assistant Principal, and Shannon Lougee, 6th grade math teacher at Teachers’ Memorial Middle School gave a power point presentation on the Math Workshop Model they are using at Teachers.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Athena Nagel briefed the board of the Affordable Health Care Act and how it will impact the Norwich Public Schools. Abby and Athena are meeting on Wednesday with our insurance rep.

OTHER COMMITTEES

Teacher Evaluation/Professional Learning ~ Joe Stefon

Joe Stefon gave a brief report on the professional learning portion; and Abby Dolliver spoke about the Teacher Evaluation Plan revisions.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Joyce Werden reported that she attended the LEARN meeting for Al and Lynn; and that the topic of discussion was the Affordable Health Care Act. LEARN is also sponsoring a breakfast in recognition of board members on June 12th at 8:30 a.m. and invited present and past board members, as well as the Superintendent to attend.

Yvette discussed the Board Retreat, which will be held on July 15th at the Kelly Middle School Community Room. Yvette has contacted Nick Caruso from CAFE and he will facilitate the retreat. Yvette asked the board members to email her topics they would like to discuss.

ACTION ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MOTION: Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by John LeVangie) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary